

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY

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ON LAND AT WHITLEY WAY,  
NORTHFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE  
MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE  
OCTOBER 2003**



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**OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project title	An Archaeological Watching Brief on land at Whitley Way, Market Deeping, Lincolnshire	
Short description (250 words maximum)	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during groundworks connected with an industrial unit. No archaeological deposits were revealed and no artefacts were recovered.	
Project type (eg desk-based, field evaluation etc)	Watching brief	
Previous work (reference to organisation or SMR numbers etc)	None	
Future work (yes, no, unknown)	Unknown	
Monument type and period		
Significant finds (artefact type and period)	None	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
County	Lincolnshire	
Site address (including postcode)	Whitley Way, Northfields Industrial Estate, Market Deeping, Lincolnshire	
Easting (use 2-letter 100km grid square no.)	51412	
Northing	31153	
Height OD		
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Organisation	Northamptonshire Archaeology	
Project brief originator		
Project Design originator	Northamptonshire Archaeology	
Director/Supervisor	David J. Leigh	
Project Manager	Andy Mudd	
Sponsor or funding body	ProGroup Corporation Ltd, Maxey, Peterborough	
<b>PROJECT DATE</b>		
Start date	October 2003	
End date	October 2003	
<b>ARCHIVES</b>	<b>Location (Accession no.)</b>	<b>Content (eg pottery, animal bone etc)</b>
Physical		None
Paper	2003.357	Watching brief forms (6), Colour slides (35), black and white contact prints (74), Context sheets (7)
Digital		None

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*Abstract*

*An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of an industrial unit on land at Whitley Way, Northfield Industrial Estate, Market Deeping, Lincolnshire. No archaeological deposits were revealed and no artefacts were recovered.*

**1 INTRODUCTION**

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of an industrial unit on land at Whitley Way, Northfield Industrial Estate, Market Deeping, Lincolnshire (NGR TF 1412 1153: Fig 1) on behalf of ProGroup Corporation Ltd. This was in response to a brief issued by South Kesteven District Council Community Archaeologist on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2002.

**2 BACKGROUND**

**2.1 Location and Topography**

The development area is located immediately east of the Northfields Industrial Estate and south of the A16 Market Deeping bypass. The site covers approximately 0.6ha and lies on level ground at a height of 10m aOD. The British Geological Survey of Great Britain has mapped the underlying geology as River Terrace Gravels.

**2.2 Historical Background**

The development area is located within an area where patterns of both prehistoric and Roman fields are known to exist. A geophysical survey carried out within the development area and adjacent plots (a total of c2.5ha) suggested that a possible elongated enclosure extended into the development area (EAS 2000).

**3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY**

The aims of the watching brief were to:

- ◆ Observe the groundworks and record all archaeological deposits uncovered.
- ◆ To determine the date, character, state of preservation and depth of any archaeological deposits observed and to retrieve all datable artefacts.

The fieldwork comprised observation by a suitably qualified archaeologist during groundworks connected with the stripping of topsoil and the digging of foundation

stanchion pits and service trenches. A photographic record in both black and white negative and colour slide was kept and the written record used Northamptonshire Archaeology pro-forma sheets.

Groundworks were undertaken with a 360° tracked excavator using either toothed or toothless buckets as required.

#### **4 THE RECORDED EVIDENCE**

A series of stanchion pits were excavated along with a number of service trenches (Fig 2). Stanchion pits typically measured 2.40m by 1.7m, although there were some smaller ones down to 1.0m square. These had a maximum depth of 0.60m.

An examination revealed a consistent stratigraphic sequence across the development area. The natural was encountered at a depth of 0.40m below ground level and comprised orange/red sand and gravel. This was overlain by yellow/brown silty loam subsoil, up to 0.15m thick, containing occasional pockets of yellow sand and gravel. Sealing this was dark brown topsoil, up to 0.20m thick, containing small fragments of flint and chalk flecks. A single modern drainage ditch was noted. This was orientated north-west to south-east and ran parallel with the eastern boundary of the development area. The fill comprised silty clay containing pockets of degraded vegetation. The ditch continued north out of the development area where it is still open and operational.

#### **5 THE ARCHIVE**

The site archive comprises:

RECORD	NUMBER
Watching brief forms	6
Context sheets	7
Colour slides	35
Black and white contacts and negatives	74

#### **6 CONCLUSIONS**

A single modern drainage ditch was revealed during the course of the watching brief. No archaeological deposits were revealed and no artefacts were recovered.

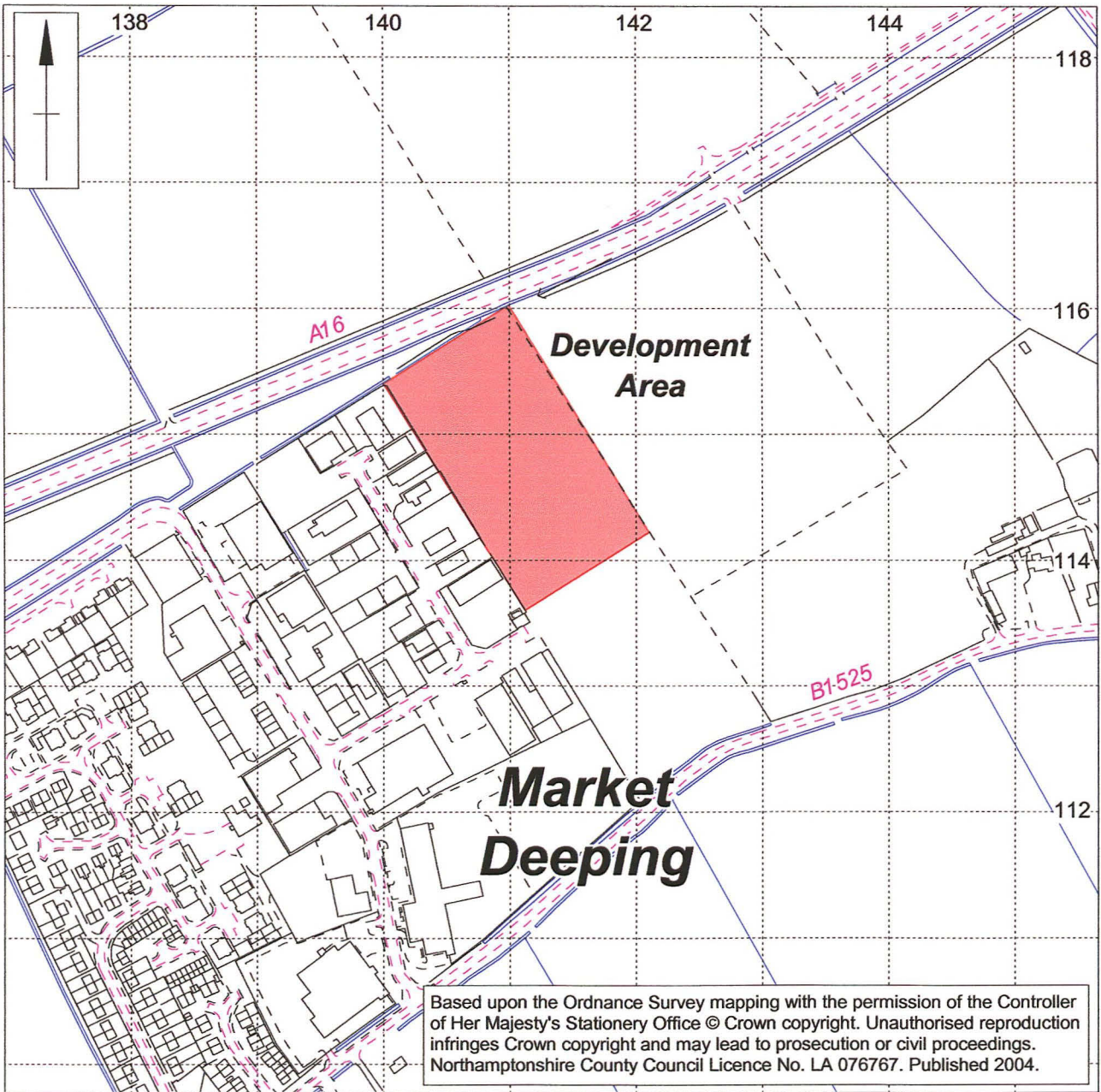
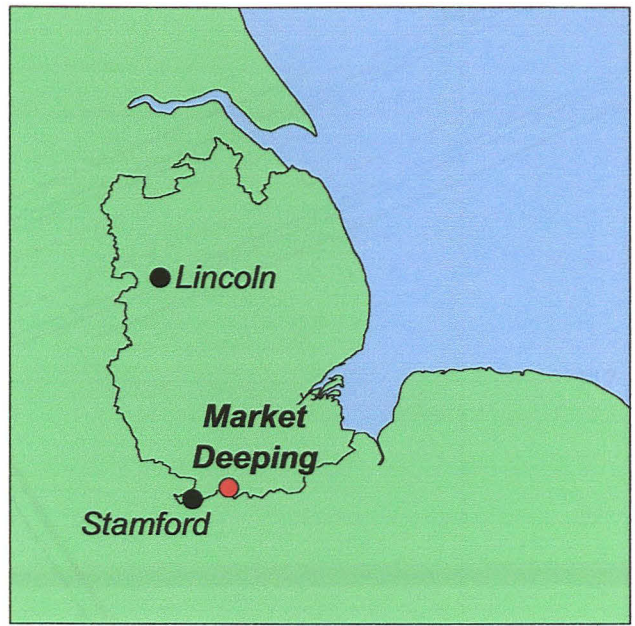
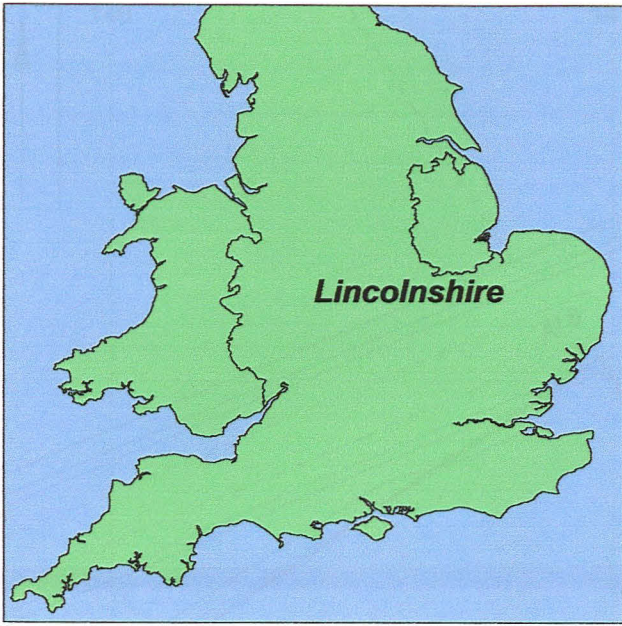
The archaeological observations were undertaken in good conditions and are considered to be reliable, but the area examined was limited and the negative results do not necessarily indicate that the whole site was archaeologically sterile.

The groundworks did not intrude upon the possible enclosures in the northern part of the site interpreted from the geophysical survey (EAS 2000). It is possible that a low level of prehistoric and Roman activity, in the form of field boundaries, may be present on the site but were not impinged upon by the development.

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

EAS 2000 *Market Deeping, North, Geophysical Survey*, Engineering Archaeological Services Ltd, November 2000





Scale 1: 5000

Fig. 1



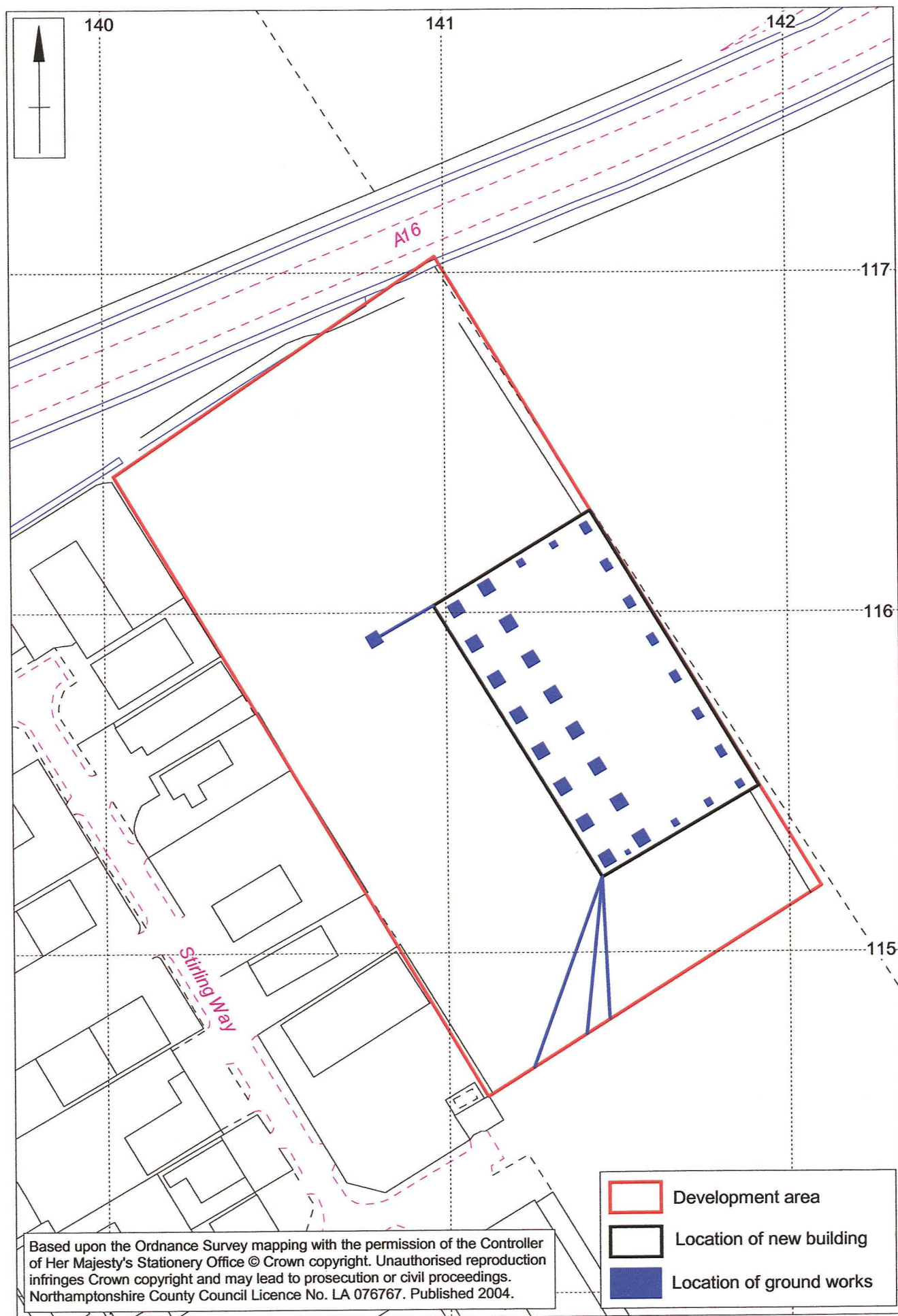


Fig. 2





Plate 1



Plate 2